

Application No.: 10/606,100
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of lottery wagering on a phased competition, comprising:
 - determining final participants from the assembling pre-qualifying data D_{pg} for preliminary participants after conclusion of a pre-qualifying event of a phased competition;
 - accepting a wager from a wagerer, the wager corresponding to wagering data D_w
 - including one or more picked numbers;
 - assigning random numbers to the final participants;
 - assembling concluding data D_C for final participants after conclusion of a final event of a phased competition;
 - determining at least one winner from the final participants of the final event based on the concluding data D_C ;
 - correlating the concluding data D_C of a winner to the pre-qualifying data D_{pg} random number assigned to of the winner; and
 - determining winning lottery data D_L based on the correlating step; and
 - awarding a prize to a wagerer whose wagering data corresponds to the winning lottery data, the random numbers being assigned to the final participants after accepting the wager so

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that the wagerer does not know which participant corresponds to the one or more picked numbers when they are picked.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of assembling concluding data D_C for final participants comprises assembling concluding ranking data of final participants of a final event.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of assembling comprises at least one function selected from the group consisting of collecting, collating, correlating, and mathematically manipulating.

6. (cancelled)

7. (original)

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7 1 wherein the step of determining at least one winner of the final event comprises determining n winners of the final event.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 1 further comprising the step of comparing wagering data D_W to winning lottery data D_L .

14. (cancelled)

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15. (original) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of entering wagering data D_W into a second lottery phase based upon the outcome of the comparing step.

16. (original) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of randomly selecting wagering data D_W of the second lottery phase.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~6~~1 further comprising the step of trading wagering data D_W prior to prior to conclusion of the final event.

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (cancelled)

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (new) A method of operating a lottery wagering system, comprising:
accepting from a wagerer a wager, the wager including a group of picked numbers, the picked numbers being a subset of a set of available lottery numbers;
randomly associating with participants in a competition the numbers in the set of available lottery numbers after accepting the wager;

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after the competition is conducted, assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers from the set of lottery numbers associated with the winners of the competition;

awarding a prize to a wagerer whose picked numbers correspond to the winning lottery numbers, the winning lottery numbers being determined by the outcome of the competition, and the wagerer not knowing at the time his numbers are picked which numbers will be associated with which participants.

29. (new) The method of claim 28 in which the competition is a sporting event.

30. (new) The method of claim 28 in which the competition is an entertainment award competition.

31. (new) The method of claim 28 in which:

randomly assigning to participants in a competition the numbers in the set of lottery numbers includes randomly assigning the numbers in the set of lottery numbers a car number corresponding to a car in a race; and

assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned from the set of lottery numbers to the winners of the competition includes assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned to the winners of the race.

32. (new) The method of claim 28 in which:

randomly assigning to participants in a competition the numbers in the set of lottery numbers includes randomly assigning the numbers in the set of lottery numbers an individual in a tournament; and

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assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned from the set of lottery numbers to the winners of the sporting event includes assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned to the winners of the tournament.

33. (new) The method of claim 28 in which accepting from a wagerer a wager on the lottery accepting a wager including a group of picked numbers selected by a computer program or a group of picked numbers selected by a wagerer.

34. (new) The method of claim 28 in which accepting from a wagerer a wager includes accepting the wager over a communication link.

35. (new) The method of claim 34 in which the communication link is selected from the group consisting of tickets, landline telephone, radio frequency, computer network, Internet, and World Wide Web.

36. (new) Computer readable media including computer instructions for carrying out the steps of claim 28.

37. (new) A lottery system, comprising:
a computer processing unit;
a computer memory storing computer instructions for carrying out the steps of claim 28.

38. (new) The method of claim 13 in which entering wagering data D_W into a second lottery phase based upon the outcome of the comparing step includes entering wagering data into a second lottery phase having the lottery results determined by the concluding data D_C .